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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Gregory L. MERRILL et al.

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Examiner: Mulcahy, John M.

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Confirmation No.: 7776

For: Method And Apparatus For Controlling Force For Manipulation of Medical Instruments

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the restriction requirement mailed October 2, 2002, the Examiner requested
that the Applicants elect among the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-25;

Group II: Claims 26-30; and

Group III: Claims 31-37.

The Examiner indicated that Groups I and III are not restricted from each other.

**Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Groups I and III, which include
claims 1-25 and 31-37, for prosecution on the merits.**

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